MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorial has been referred to the Executive Engineer, Alwaye, for remarks.

(*c*) No.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): In answer to part (*d*), may I know whether the Executive Engineer, Alwaye, has submitted his remarks on the memorial?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Not yet.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): When was the memorial referred to the Executive Engineer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Two months ago.

*Inspection of Kallooppara Pakuthi Cutcherry.*

421. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has inspected the *Pakuthi* Cutcherry at Kallooppara;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of such inspection; and

(*c*) whether he has made any suggestions for the improvement of the land revenue administration of that *pakuthi*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 11th and 12th Vrischikam 1111.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): In answer to part (*c*), may I know the suggestions made by the Land Revenue Commissioner?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It was found that, in the Pakuthi Cutcherry at Kallupara, a large number of *pokkuvaravu* cases had not been finished. They relate to past alienations of land and that was mainly due to the failure of parties to apply for *pokkuvaravu*. I have suggested therefore that a Notification should be published by the *Edavagai* authorities inviting applications. This was one of the suggestions. Another was regarding the splitting up of the *Pakuthi*. It was found rather unwieldy and I suggested that two more *Pakuthi* Cutcherries should be opened in that area with accountants in charge and the Proverthicar in control. There were other minor suggestions about the opening of registers, disposal of *porambokes* within the Edavagai, etc.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether the Chief is taking any action as per these suggestions?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): He has promised to take action.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Revenue Department has any administrative control over the *Pakuthi* staff of Kallupara *pakuthi*?

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**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The *Pakuthi* staff is appointed by the Edavagai authorities. The Tahsildar and the Division Peishkar have control over the staff.

**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the *jamabandi* Officers visit those *pakuthies*?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Is it not a fact that, in the Kallupara Pakuthy Cutcherry they do not keep all the registers as is done by the other Pakuthi Cutcherries?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): They do keep most of them; but a few were not maintained and they have been asked to do so.

*Statement, by caste, of appointments.*

422. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons, by caste, appointed during the past two years as clerks in the Secretariat?

**RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

*Acknowledgement of petitions.*

423. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if there is any rule that petitions presented by private persons to Heads of Departments and Offices should be acknowledged in writing; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they are aware that the rule is not followed?

**RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

**MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Could not Government acknowledge the petitions presented by private persons as is done in British India?

**RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There will be numerous petitions received for various things, mostly, applications for appointments. It may not be quite practicable to acknowledge all petitions. However the matter will be considered.

*Apprentices under training in the Electrical Department.*

424. * **MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of apprentices under training in the Electrical Department at present (30-3-1936); and

(*b*) the number of S. I. U. C. Christians under such training?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 53.

(*b*) One (out of the 18 departmental apprentices selected for training direct by the department).

*Vide—Appendix I.

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